

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
CENTRAL DIVISION**

SEAN D. RIES, JOHN R. MURRAY,  
PHILIP C. HENRY, and others similarly  
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALLMERICA FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION, ALLMERICA  
FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE AND  
ANNUITY COMPANY, and  
FREDERICK H. EPPINGER, JR.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 4:04-cv-40179(FDS)

**ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED**

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), defendants Allmerica Financial Corporation, Allmerica Financial Life Insurance and Annuity Company, and Frederick H. Eppinger, Jr. hereby move to dismiss plaintiffs' Class Action Complaint ("Complaint").

The grounds for this Motion are set forth in Defendants' Memorandum of Law, filed herewith.

**REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(D), the defendants hereby request that the Court grant a hearing on their Motion to Dismiss. In support of this request, the defendants believe that oral argument will assist the Court in clarifying and evaluating the issues raised in the Motion.

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1(A)(2)**

Counsel for the defendants certifies that he has attempted in good faith to resolve or narrow the issues raised in this Motion, but has been unable to do so.

WHEREFORE, defendants respectfully request that the Court:

- i. Dismiss the Complaint, in its entirety, with prejudice and without leave to amend;
- ii. Enter Judgment for defendants and against plaintiffs; and
- iii. Grant such further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLMERICA FINANCIAL CORPORATION,  
ALLMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE  
AND ANNUITY CO., and FREDERICK H.  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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